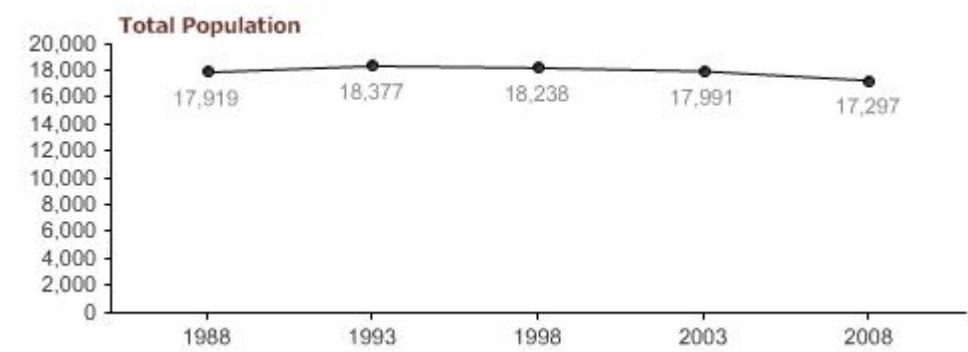


Rush County, IN Highlights

Population

A region's economy thrives or dives because of the people who choose to live there. That choice may occur by being born there and desiring to stay, or a more deliberate one of choosing to relocate from somewhere else. Monitoring change in the size and movement of population is an important barometer of well-being. Some of us monitor these changes as an insect might gauge the shifting sands while most don't pay much attention. But the barometer is a good metaphor for population change since it can presage more notable events, such as lackluster business attraction due to lack of workers.

Population Over Time					
	1988	1993	1998	2003	2008
Total Population	17,919	18,377	18,238	17,991	17,297
Change Since 1988		458	319	72	-622
Pct. Change Since 1988		2.6%	1.8%	0.4%	-3.5%



Source: US Census Bureau

Components of Population Change 2007 to 2008		
	Number	
Net Domestic Migration	-254	
International Migration	2	
Natural Increase (births minus deaths)	31	
Births	205	
Deaths	174	

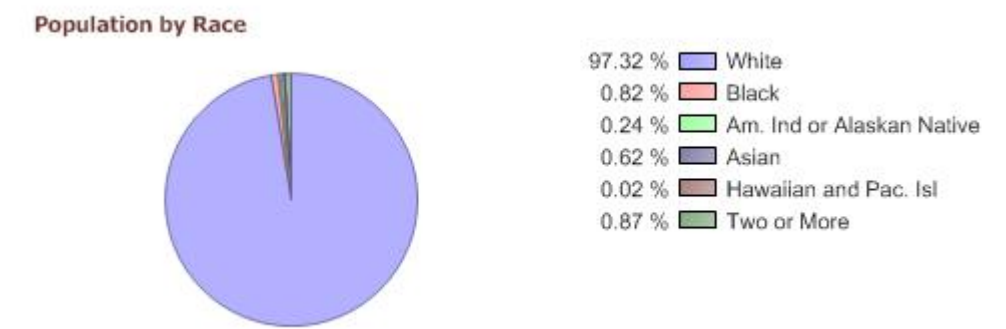
Source: US Census Bureau

Population Estimates by Age in 2007		
	Number	Pct. Dist
Preschool	1,035	5.9%
School Age	3,253	18.6%
College Age	1,263	7.2%

Young Adult	4,557	26.0%
Older Adult	4,680	26.7%
Older (65 plus)	2,706	15.5%

Source: US Census Bureau

Population Estimates by Race and Hispanic Origin in 2007		
	Number	Pct. Dist
American Ind. or Alaskan Native Alone	42	0.2%
Asian Alone	109	0.6%
Black Alone	144	0.8%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pac. Isl. Alone	4	0.0%
White Alone	17,042	97.3%
Two or More Race Groups	153	0.9%



Hispanic or Latino		
Non-Hispanic or Latino	17,344	99.0%
Hispanic or Latino	150	0.9%

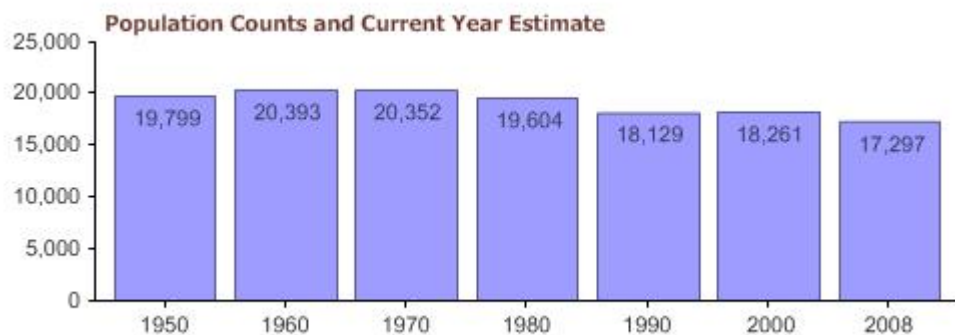
Source: US Census Bureau

Households in 2000		
	Number	Pct. Dist
Total Households	6,923	100.0%
Family Households	5,047	72.9%
Married with Children	1,876	27.1%
Married without Children	2,334	33.7%
Single Parents	498	7.2%
Other	339	4.9%
Non-family Households	1,876	27.1%
Living Alone	1,615	23.3%
Average Household Size	2.63	
Average Family Household Size	3.61	

Source: US Census Bureau

Population Counts by Decade and Current Year Estimate			
	Population	Numerical Chg.	Pct. Chg.
1950	19,799	NA	NA
1960	20,393	594	3.0%
1970	20,352	-41	-0.2%
1980	19,604	-748	-3.7%
1990	18,129	-1,475	-7.5%

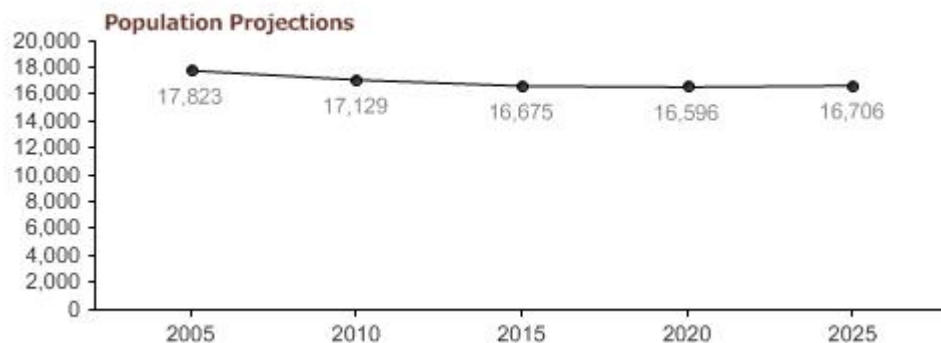
April 2000	18,261	132	0.7%
2008	17,297	-964	-5.3%



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Population Projections

	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025
Population Projections	17,823	17,129	16,675	16,596	16,706
Change Since 2005		-694	-1,148	-1,227	-1,117
Pct. Change Since 2005		-3.9%	-6.4%	-6.9%	-6.3%



Source: Indiana Business Research Center